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CELLULAR PROTEIN CONTENT

Examiner: Robert A. Zeman

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Attorney Reference No. 4239-60680-01

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**DECLARATION OF LANCE A. LIOTTA M.D., PH.D AND
MICHAEL R. EMMERT-BUCK, M.D., PH.D. UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132**

We, LANCE A. LIOTTA, M.D., Ph.D. and MICHAEL R. EMMERT-BUCK, M.D.,

Ph.D. declare as follows:

1. We are two of the co-inventors of, and have each read and understand, U.S. Patent Application No. 09/913,667 (hereinafter the '667 application) entitled METHODS AND DEVICES FOR THE ISOLATION AND ANALYSIS OF CELLULAR PROTEIN CONTENT.

2. We are two of the co-inventors of, and have each read and understand, U.S. Patent No. 6,251,516 entitled ISOLATION OF CELLULAR MATERIAL UNDER MICROSCOPIC VISUALIZATION (hereinafter Bonner *et al.*), which issued June 26, 2001.

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3. We understand that claims 1-28, 34-39, 44-51, and 53-83 are currently pending in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/913,667, and that these claims are rejected as allegedly being anticipated (under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)) by the teachings of Bonner *et al.*

4. We are the inventors of "a method of microdissection and analyzing proteins of interest" in a population of extracted cells that is disclosed, but not claimed, in Bonner *et al.* and claimed in the '667 application. To the extent that Bonner *et al.* discloses but does not claim "a method of microdissection and analyzing proteins of interest," that subject matter is our own work and not that "of another."

5. All statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that any such willful false statements made may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Date: October 20, 2004



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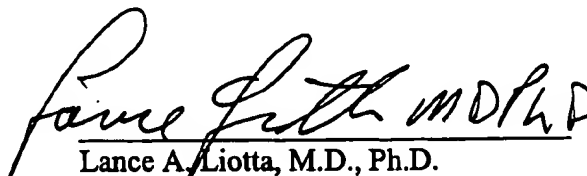
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